

OPEN DOOR GRANT

Overview

The Open Door Grant Program 2023-2024 is a Financial Aid Program offered by First Coast Technical College and funded by the Florida Department of Education. The program is designed to incentivize current and future workers to enroll in career and technical education programs that lead to a credential, certificate or degree.

The Grant covers 100% of tuition and fees associated with the eligible programs not otherwise covered by Federal Grants, State Grant or other Third-Party payments.

Grant Funds are limited and not all students will be awarded funds.

Funds are subject to availability and will be awarded once the application is approved and all other aid is applied. Refer to application for more details.

Applications should be submitted in-person to the Financial Aid Office in Building A on our Main Campus.



Criteria

Students enrolled in an eligible Career Technical Education program and meet Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes may qualify.

New Students

Once you receive an acceptance/ready to register letter from our Admissions Office, submit the Open Door application in person to the Financial Aid Office in Building A on our Main Campus to determine eligibility.

Currently Enrolled Students

Submit the Open Door application in person to the Financial Aid Office in Building A on our Main Campus to determine eligibility.

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Financial Aid Office
2980 Collins Avenue Building A
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Financialaid@fctc.edu

ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

Program	Hours	Length (Full-time)	Campus
Automotive Service Technology 1	1050	32 Weeks	Main
Automotive Service Technology 2	750	24 Weeks	Main
Cosmetology	1200	37 Weeks	Main
Dental Assisting	1230	40 Weeks	Main
Diesel Systems Technician 1	1050	32 Weeks	Main
Diesel Systems Technician 2	750	24 Weeks	Main
Emergency Medical Technician	300	12 Weeks	Public Safety
Facials Specialty	220	7 Weeks	Main
Firefighter	492	13 Weeks	Public Safety
Firefighter/ Emergency Medical Technician- Combined	792	27 Weeks	Public Safety
Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration 1	750	23 Weeks	Main
Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning/Refrigeration 2	600	19 Weeks	Main
Landscape and Turf Management	900	28 Weeks	Main
Nails Specialty	180	6 Weeks	Main
Nursery Management	900	28 Weeks	Main
Paramedic	1100	48 Weeks	Public Safety
Practical Nursing	1350	56 Weeks	Main
Professional Culinary Arts and Hospitality	1200	37 Weeks	Main
Welding Technology	1050	32 Weeks	Main
Welding Technology Advanced	750	24 Weeks	Main

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2023-24 OPEN DOOR GRANT APPLICATION TERM 2

First Coast Technical College

Applications must be submitted **in-person** to the Financial Aid Office (Building A). All the information requested below must be provided.
Incomplete applications will be denied.

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____ Apt/Unit: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: ☐ M ☐ F Social Security Number: ____-____-____

Term: Spring Program: _____

Race: ☐ American Indian/Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White ☐ Other

Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Not Hispanic/Latino

Veteran Status: ☐ Active Duty Personnel, Member of the National Guard or Reserves ☐ Veteran (Prior service, not active duty) ☐ No military history

Enrollment Status: ☐ Currently Enrolled Student ☐ New Student

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA (Answer the questions below):

- I am considered a Florida resident as determined by Florida Residency for Tuition Purposes guidelines: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are you receiving any additional financial aid/funding: ☐ Pell ☐ Scholarships ☐ Veteran's Benefits ☐ CareerSource
☐ Goodwill A-STEP ☐ Bright Futures ☐ Career Navigator ☐ Other: _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Applications must be submitted in-person to the Financial Aid Office (Building A).
- The Open Door Grant applies to eligible CTE programs and is currently being offered for courses starting January 8, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
- Funds are subject to availability and priority is given to currently enrolled students.
- Students who are considered non-Florida residents for tuition purposes do not qualify even if receiving a fee exemption for out-of-state tuition fees.
- Open Door Grant funds are applied after federal and state aid, or third-party payments, to cover a maximum award equal to the amount needed to cover 100% of tuition and fees for the term.
- First Coast Technical College is required to reduce or cancel the grant award if the student later becomes eligible for other financial assistance during the 2023-24 school year.
- Awarded funds only apply to the program for which the application is submitted.

I attest that all the information provided in this application is accurate, complete and correct. I understand that falsification of such information shall result in the denial of a pending application and revocation of an award or grant currently held to the extent that no further payments shall be made. Additionally, I understand that individuals who knowingly make false statements in order to receive state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants commit a misdemeanor of the second degree subject to the provisions of s. 837.06 and shall be required to return all state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

OFFICE USE

FA Advisor: _____ Hours Enrolled (Master Schedule): _____ Eligibility Date: ____/____/____ CIP Code: _____

Program Cost of Attendance: \$ _____ Tuition and Fee Cost: \$ _____ Books/Supplies Cost: \$ _____

Stipend: \$ _____ Federal Financial Aid: \$ _____ State Financial Aid: \$ _____

Reason for Denial

- ☐ Non-FL Resident ☐ Non-eligible Program ☐ Fully Covered/Tuition Exemption ☐ Depleted/Expired Grant
☐ Outside Processing Window ☐ Incomplete Application